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Addendum

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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

Programme 22. Palestinian refugees

1. At its 32nd meeting, on 24 June 1996, the Committee considered programme 22, Palestinian refugees, of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

Discussion

2. Delegations expressed their support for this programme and for its implementation.

Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of programme 22 of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, with the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 22.1: Replace the last sentence with the following:

"The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will provide emergency relief assistance to the beneficiary

population and respond to requests from the Palestinian Authority, host Governments and the Secretary-General as they arise, commensurate with available resources";

(b) Paragraph 22.5: In the first sentence, replace the words "to the rest of the West Bank" with the words "in the West Bank" and combine the last two sentences to read "UNRWA will continue to maintain the services that it has provided for some 50 years, while preparing for the eventual transfer of its installations, services and programmes to local authorities";

(c) Paragraph 22.6: Add the following sentence between the second and third sentences:

"The Agency will also continue to support human resource development activities, including vocational training and scholarships for higher education for Palestine refugees, commensurate with available resources";

(d) Paragraph 22.8: In the fourth sentence, add the words "where appropriate" after the words "localization of posts".